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Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing a Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is the Specification, including 11 claims, 4 sheets of informal drawings, Declaration and Power of Attorney, of Billy Joe Ratliff, Jr., for **TIRE TREAD**.

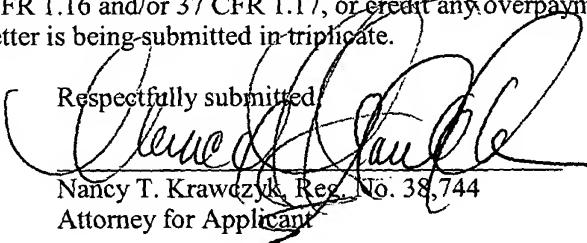
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